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Title : Need to provide adequate financial assistance to the Government of Tamil Nadu for speedy rehabilitation of rain and flood affected people in the State.

SHRI R. THAMARAISELVAN (DHARMAPURI): I would like to bring to the notice of the Central Government that due to incessant and continued rains all over Tamil Nadu because of onset of the North East Monsoon, almost entire Tamil Nadu has been badly affected by floods and paralysed the normal life there. Several hundred crores of rupees worth properties have been lost and till today more than 200 people have lost their lives in various rain-related incidents. Over 3.20 lakh houses have been affected as well as more than 50,000 hutments were fully or partially damaged leading to several lakhs of people homeless. The flooding has submerged fields up to 1.5 feet and 2 feets, and over 15 lakh acres of standing crops submerged in rain water. More than 5,000 cattle stock perished in floods. However, to support the State Government of Tamil Nadu to over come this crisis arising out of Natural Calamities, I urge upon the Central Govt. to provide Rs. 1,607 crore from, the National Calamity Relief Fund immediately as demanded by the State Government of Tamil Nadu, so that the relief measures taken by the State Government on war-footing basis is not affected in any way.